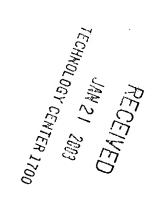
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Response to Office Action mailed July 31, 2002

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002 regarding the above-identified application, enclosed herewith find a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a) from October 31, 2002 to January 31, 2003. Also, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-7 and 9-19 based on the following amendments and remarks.

